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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified patent application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,983,234 to Tietjen et al., issued November 9, 1999;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,101,541 to Ellessen et al., issued August 8, 2000;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,119,122 to Bunnell, issued September 12, 2000; and
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,377,950 to Peters et al., issued April 23, 2002.

A PTO-1449 form is included herewith listing these documents, and a copy of each of these documents is attached. These documents were cited in an International Search Report for a related PCT application, a copy of which is also attached.

The International Search Report is in English, and each of the cited documents is printed in the English language. Applicants therefore respectfully urge that further comment is unnecessary in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3). However, Applicants respectfully point out that the International Search Report classifies three of these documents in category A, one of these documents in category P, and one of these documents in categories T and E.

A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed above be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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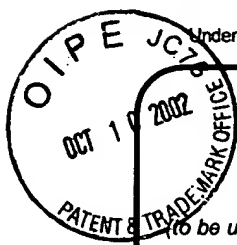
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